

{ answered, February 1844. }

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Mr. Geo. A. May, Esq.

Leicester

Mass. U.S.

~~excellent address~~

~~man, & help in the act of reproach of England~~

~~poor & degraded town~~

Mr. Martineau; administration of S. J. Parker

Have sent a copy of the address
to the Library, and to the General.

Perhaps you would give
one to your brother
while there directed
with regards.

H. L.

Kingston, Bristol,

Nov. 30 - 1843 -

My dear friend & brother,

An opportunity of sending L. B. to
presents itself, in the return L. American
of my friend that good Abolitionist,
whose name may not be unknown
to you - James Cummings Butler, met
him at the Convention, in London, in
1840, and have had great pleasure in
renewing my acquaintance with him
here. We have had much conversation
on Antislavery subjects, and he is the bearer
of your "Address" to your shores, which I trust
will have all the good effect we desire -
You will see that some fear of our
ministers have withheld their signature,
but this, not from any sympathy with
your Slavery institutions, or with the
few men which keep back any

among you, from being their tellers,
among against the crime of keeping human
man beings in bondage; but because
they either felt that they were not
sufficiently familiar with the subject
of Slavery in your country, and with the
state of feeling, and action, among
their brethren in the vicinity, ^{there} or did not
like to appear under the character
of admonishers, under circumstances
in which they could bear no part of the
oblogues and suffering which the course
recommended in the Address would involve.

I hope, my dear Sir, that your wife,
when you receive this letter, be once
more in the bosom of your family and
flock - You are often thought of here, I
can assure you, with pleasure, and
we are glad that you have made your
acquaintance, and hope that our inter-
course may be continued, though the next step

separated ^(I mean you and I) - I have been thinking that
may make our letters interesting to one
another, and useful to others, by com-
municating matters relating to our com-
mon cause (which ought to be from time
to time made public, through the me-
dium of our periodicals) and thus con-
tribute to bring about a union between
our and your churches which ought to be
production of the best results. What say
you to this? I now send you, by way
of beginning, an Address relating to the
Conference which you attended. It has
been prepared by me, though signed
forwards by my fellow Comm^{ts} men.
I hope you will think I have carried out
the object of the meeting. Nothing can
of course be done until we gather
together again next year, at Cullough-
ton, in Devonshire, when I hope we shall
proceed to work in earnest. Our greatest
difficulty is accomplishing anything by

combined effort, lies in the diversity of
opinion that exists among us. But
you must have yourself perceived
But Helen, among the best of our min-
isters, there is a strong feeling that some-
thing should be done to enable us to
act with greater power on the commu-
nity, and that this can only be effected
by a union of our churches. We have
found Mr. Atton's box a very severe one -
have had all his papers entrusted to my
care, and am about, in conjunction with
my friend Mr. J. R. Whipple, to bring out
a volume of his sermons. I have written
a Memoir which you will see perhaps
in the "Reformer" for Dec., and which I
propose to enlarge and publish as a sepa-
rate volume. If you can aid me in
either of these objects by getting me subscrib-
ers, I shall be obliged - And now let me
hear from you soon - Give my kind regards to
your brother, and believe me, your faithful friend
Should be unable yet to choose
as Mr. Atton's successor. Between
15 and 16 hundred pounds have been raised for the Anti-Slavery
cause -

William James

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